SENATE BILL NO. 115.

Executive Office, State of Texas.

Austin, April 2, 1909.

To the Secretary of State:

I herewith transmit for file in the office of the Secretary of State Senate bill No. 115 without my approval. This bill is intended to provide additional compensation to all district judges and district attorneys in the district courts of this State by allowing compensation for traveling expenses when engaged in the discharge of their official duties in counties other than the county of their residence and declaring an emergency. This bill is disapproved on account of the following objections:

1. The compensation of district judges and district attorneys, already provided by law, is in keeping with that fixed for other public officers in this State, and is sufficient to secure capable and efficient men for the discharge of the duties of these respective offices.

2. I can not assent to a precedent which would establish the policy of allowing traveling expenses to county and district officers. This bill would involve a heavy drain upon the State Treasury difficult to estimate and which, in my judgment, would not be justified.

• T. M. CAMPBELL,

Governor of Texas.